201501569 Charles Galletta

On March 1, 2015, police officers in Staten Island arrested a man who had become intoxicated at a parade. When they initially tried to stop the man from entering an area where the public was not allowed, he punched a police officer in the face. Other officers tackled him, handcuffed him, and took him to a police van. In the police van, PO Charles Galletta punched him a number of times in the face. This complaint was initiated because another officer called the Internal Affairs Bureau to report the assault, stating specifically that Galletta had punched the man a number of times in the face while the man was handcuffed in the back of the prisoner van. When the man was interviewed, he too stated that PO Galletta had punched him in the face a number of times, and his arrest photo showed fresh facial injuries.

In his testimony, PO Galletta stated that he held the man's legs down during the transport and had no explanation for the man's injuries.

The CCRB found that PO Galletta used excessive force against the man and that he made a false official statement to the CCRB. As of January 13, this 2015 case was still pending at the NYPD.

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:	ŗ	Геат:	CCRB Case #:	▼ Force	☐ Discourt. ☐ U.S.	
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1. An officer	Siliciu	TaxiD	Commanu			
2. POM Jason Greenberg	05648	§ 87(2)(b)	120 PCT			
3. Officers	03040		120101			
4. POM Charles Galletta	20243	§ 87(2)(b)	PBSI TF			
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name			=
1. POM Matthew Gueli	11130	§ 87(2)(b)	GANG DV			
2. POF Vinessa Gaglione	29856	§ 87(2)(b)	120 PCT			
3. CPT Thomas Kamper	00000	§ 87(2)(b)	120 PCT			
4. SGT Thomas Woods	05640	§ 87(2)(b)	120 PCT			
5. LT Christophe Bannon	00000	§ 87(2)(b)	120 DET			
6. POM Justin Feldman	03843	§ 87(2)(b)	SRG 5			
Officer(s)	Allegation	1		Inv	vestigator Recommendation	_
A . POM Jason Greenberg	Force: Pol against § 87		eenberg used physica	l force A.	§ 87(2)(g)	
B . Officers	Force: Off	icers used physical fo	orce against § 87(2)(b)	В.	§ 87(2)(g)	
C . POM Jason Greenberg	Force: Pol against § 87		eenberg used physica	l force C.	§ 87(2)(g)	
D . An officer	Force: An	officer used pepper s	spray against § 87(2)(b)	D .	§ 87(2)(g)	
E . POM Charles Galletta	Force: Pol against § 87		Galletta used physical	I force E.	§ 87(2)(g)	
F. POM Charles Galletta		ice Officer Charles C	Galletta used a choke	hold F.	§ 87(2)(g)	

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
G . POM Charles Galletta	Force: Police Officer Charles Galletta restricted § 87(2)(b) s breathing.	G. §87(2)(g)
H . POM Charles Galletta	Other: There is evidence suggesting that Police Officer Charles Galletta provided a false official statement in violation of Patrol Guide Procedure 203-08, which the CCRB referred to IAB on June 2, 2016, generating IAB Log #2016-19720.	H. § 87(2)(9)

Case Summary

On March 4, 2015, § 87(2)(b) called the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) and filed this complaint on behalf of her son, § 87(2)(b) did not witness the incident. Two days prior, on March 2, 2015, §87(2)(b) had called the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) and filed the same complaint (IAB original log #15-5477). On March 12, 2015, [3972] called IAB and anonymously filed a complaint regarding this incident (IAB original log #15-5477). Both IAB logs were subsequently referred to the CCRB. Video footage captures a portion of the incident. This case was placed on the CCRB Sensitive Case List as there was media coverage of the incident (Board Review 01). On March 1, 2015, at approximately 12:50 p.m. § 87(2)(b) was intoxicated at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Staten Island, at the intersection of §87(2)(b) A large crowd had gathered at this intersection, as it was on the parade route. PO Jason Greenberg, who was then assigned to the 120th Precinct, and several other officers, including Captain Thomas Kamper of the 120th Precinct, PO Matthew Gueli, who was then assigned to the 120th Precinct, and PO Charles Galletta, who was then assigned to the Staten Island Task Force, were monitoring the parade route at this time and location. PO Greenberg was blocking pedestrian traffic from entering a strip of businesses on the southwest corner of § 87(2)(b) alleged that after calmly asking PO Greenberg if he could bypass him in order to purchase a bagel from one of the aforementioned businesses, PO Greenberg pushed \$37(2)(b) in the chest (Allegation A). reported that he then pushed PO Greenberg in the chest—according to various reports, including the testimony of an independent witness, \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 02), punched PO Greenberg in the face. § 87(2)(b) was identified as a witness by an entry in PO Gueli's memo book, and she did not indicate that she had a relationship with any of the parties involved in this incident. PO Greenberg was later transported to the hospital via ambulance for a reported laceration and bruising to the face (Board Review 03). alleged that after he pushed PO Greenberg, he was pushed from behind, over a metal barricade and onto the ground; \$87(2)(b) alleged that four to five officers then proceeded to kick and punch him in the ribs, on his back, his legs, and on both sides of his upper body (Allegation B). PO Greenberg testified that he punched §87(2)(b) after he had gone to the ground, prior to § 37(2)(b) being secured in handcuffs (Allegation C). Video footage shows that four officers—identified by the investigation to be PO Greenberg, PO Gueli, PO Galletta and Captain Kamper—struggled to apprehend § 87(2)(6) on the ground, on top of a metal barricade. The video footage does not show any officer kicking or punching \$87(2)(b) 201501569 20160302 1652 DM.mp4 was eventually secured in handcuffs. § 87(2)(b) alleged that while secured in handcuffs, an officer used pepper spray against him (Allegation D). was escorted inside of a police van. § 87(2)(b) alleged that while rear-cuffed inside the police van, an officer punched him in the face three to four times (Allegation E). A

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corroborated that § 87(2)(b) was repeatedly punched in the face by PO Galletta while handcuffed inside of a police van—the member of service told IAB that they wished to remain anonymous (Board Reviews 04 and 05). The CCRB interviewed PO Justin Feldman of Strategic Response Group 5 (Board Review 06) on May 24, 2016. He was assigned to Staten Island Task Force during the time of the incident. PO Feldman § 87(2)(e), § 87(2)(f) reported that PO Galletta had repeatedly punched \$87(2)(b) in the face. PO Feldman testified that he stood approximately 30 feet away from the van where PO Galletta interacted with \$87(2)(b) alleged that the same officer who punched him in the face then pushed on the side of his neck with their forearm, forcing his head against a seat in front of him, which caused his breathing to be restricted for one to two minutes (Allegations F and G). was transported from the scene to § 87(2)(b) where he was observed to have bloody discharge stemming from his nose, multiple abrasions to his left forehead and an obvious deformity to his nasal bridge; \$87(2)(b) was acutely intoxicated and his nose was broken (Privileged Records). \$87(2)(b) s arrest photograph and photographs that he provided to the CCRB, which he reported were taken the day after the incident, depict injuries s face, including swelling and discoloration to both eyes (Board Review 07). was arrested as a result of the incident, and he was charged with a felony count of assault in the second degree, along with five other charges (Board Review 08). [87(2)(b) ultimately pled guilty to assault in the third degree and was sentenced to 120 hours of community service and given a one-year conditional discharge (Board Review 09). The CCRB found evidence suggesting that PO Galletta provided a false official statement

New York City Police Department member of service called IAB 11 days after the incident and

regarding this incident (Allegation H), which was referred to IAB as a spin-off case on June 2, 2016 (Board Review 10).

CCRB Administrative Prosecution Attorney Suzanne O'Hare consulted with the undersigned and Supervisor Ethan De Angelo regarding this case.

This case surpassed the 90-day benchmark, because it was on District Attorney hold from April 10, 2015, until April 14, 2016 (Board Review 11). This case was originally assigned to Investigator Josh Brickell. On May 4, 2015, it was reassigned to Ethan De Angelo following Investigator Brickell's departure from the agency. The case was then reassigned to Investigator Ben Gilmore on September 14, 2015, following Ethan De Angelo's promotion to supervisor.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- This case was not suitable for mediation due to the fact that \$87(2)(b) was arrested as a result of the incident.
- Other than the conviction for assault in the third degree regarding this incident, has not been criminally convicted of any crime in New York City in the last 10 years (Board Review 12).
- As per the New York City Comptroller's Office, a Notice of Claim was not filed by, or on behalf of, \$87(2)(b) regarding this incident (Board Review 13).

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 14).
- This is the first CCRB complaint in which \$87(2)(6) is involved (Board Review 15).
- PO Jason Greenberg has been a member of service for 10 years, and he has been the subject of 21 previous CCRB allegations, stemming from 12 separate cases.
 - Only one of the previous 21 CCRB allegations was substantiated—a frisk in CCRB case number 201405287—for which PO Greenberg received formalized training (Board Review 16). In this case, only force allegations were made against PO Greenberg, §87(2)(9)
- PO Charles Galletta has been a member of service for 10 years, and he has been the subject of two previous CCRB allegations, neither of which was substantiated.

Potential Issues

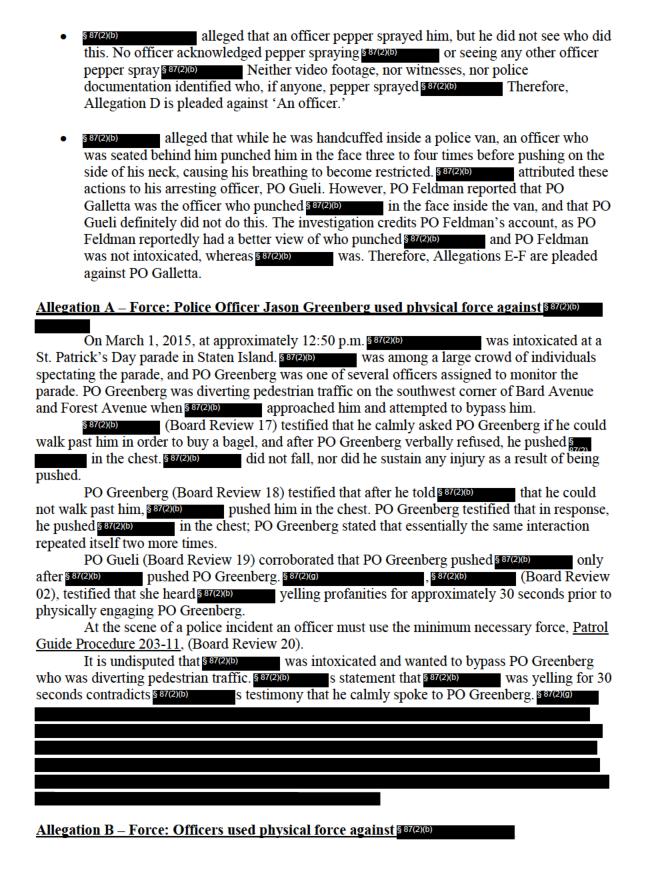
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Findings and Recommendations

Explanation of Subject Officer Identification

- identified PO Greenberg by name—he testified that he learned the name from media coverage of the incident—and alleged that PO Greenberg was the officer who initially pushed him in the chest. PO Greenberg acknowledged pushing in the chest. Therefore, Allegation A was pleaded against PO Greenberg.
- testified that he was pushed over a metal barricade, but he did not see who pushed him. Captain Kamper, PO Greenberg, and PO Gueli each testified that they were making physical contact with \$87(2)(b) around the time when \$87(2)(b) went to the ground over a metal barricade, but none of them acknowledged pushing in the back or seeing any officer do this. \$87(2)(b) alleged that after going to the ground, four to five police officers kicked and punched him, but he did not know who did each of these things. The investigation determined that PO Gueli, PO Greenberg, PO Galletta, and Captain Kamper were physically interacting with have was on the ground, but none of the officers acknowledged kicking while he was on the ground, but none of the officers acknowledged does not show this. Therefore, Allegation B is pleaded against 'Officers.'
- alleged that he was punched while he was on the ground. PO Greenberg testified that he punched \$87(2)(6) while he was on the ground. Allegation C was therefore pleaded against PO Greenberg.

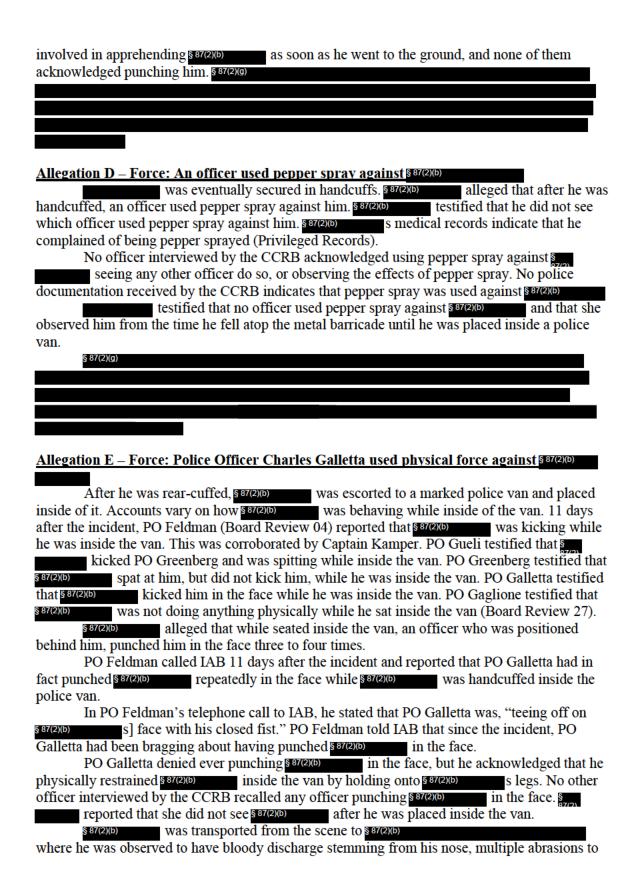
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Allegation C – Force: Police Officer Jason Greenberg used physical force against 887(2)(b)
alleged that almost immediately after he pushed PO Greenberg in the chest, while his back was turned, he was pushed over a metal barricade. §87(2)(b) fell on top of a metal barricade. After he went to the ground, §87(2)(b) alleged that four to five officers kicked him and punched him on his ribs, both sides of his upper body, back and legs, prior to being secured in handcuffs. §87(2)(b) did not see which officers specifically kicked or punched him.
Video footage shows a portion of the incident while \$87(2)(b) was atop of the barricade, prior to being handcuffed; the video does not show how \$87(2)(b) came to be positioned on top of the barricade. In the video, four officers—identified by the investigation to be PO Greenberg, PO Gueli, Captain Kamper, and PO Galletta may be seen struggling to place in handcuffs. The video does not show any officer kick or punch \$87(2)(b)
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Captain Kamper (Board Review 21) testified that the above video footage begins near the very beginning of officers' physical struggle with on the ground. PO Gueli (Board Review 19) testified that the above video footage captures almost the entirety of the officers' physical struggle with on the ground. PO Galletta (Board Review 22) testified that was secured in handcuffs approximately five to 10 seconds after going to the ground.
No officer testified that they kicked §87(2)(b) or that they observed any other officer
PO Galletta (Board Review 22) testified that no officer punched (B87(2)(b)) Captain Kamper testified that he did not punch (B87(2)(b)) and that he was not sure what if anything other officers did to secure (B87(2)(b)) in handcuffs—Captain Kamper testified that he did not recall at all PO Greenberg repeatedly punching (B87(2)(b)) in the face. A witness, (B87(2)(b)) went to the CCRB that she had a clear line of sight from the time that (B87(2)(b)) went to the ground until he was escorted inside of a police van; (B87(2)(b)) reported that in this time, no officer pushed, kicked, or punched (B87(2)(b)) as he was being escorted to the police van.
However, PO Greenberg (Board Review 18) testified that he punched \$87(2)(b) in the face and body 10-20 times while \$87(2)(b) was on the ground, prior to him being handcuffed. PO Gueli also testified that PO Greenberg hit \$87(2)(b) in his face and body multiple times prior to \$87(2)(b) being secured in handcuffs. PO Greenberg testified that he punched before the above video footage begins. At the scene of a police incident an officer must use the minimum necessary force, Patrol
Guide Procedure 203-11, (Board Review 20).
\$ 87(2)(g)
PO Greenberg testified that he punched \$87(2)(0) in the face and body 10-20 times
after 887(2)(b) went to the ground and before he was secured in handcuffs. Three other officers—PO Gueli, Captain Kamper, and PO Galletta—testified that they were physically

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his left forehead, and an obvious deformity to his nasal bridge; \$87(2)(b) was diagnosed with
a broken nose (Privileged Records).
s arrest photograph and photographs that he provided to the CCRB which
he reported were taken the day after the incident, depict multiple injuries to his face (Board
Review 07).
At the scene of a police incident an officer must use the minimum necessary force, Patrol
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Allegation G – Force: Police Officer Charles Galletta restricted 887(2)(6)
breathing.
alleged that after PO Galletta repeatedly punched him in the face, he
applied pressure to the side of his neck with his forearm, forcing \$87(2)(b) s head against the
seat in front of him and causing his breathing to become restricted for one to two minutes.
PO Galletta denied ever making contact with \$87(2)(b) s neck. Every other officer
interviewed by the CCRB denied seeing any officer make contact with \$87(2)(b) s neck.
reported that she did not see § 87(2)(b) after he was placed inside the police van.
s medical records do not document any injury to \$87(2)(b) s neck, nor
do they document ser/(2)(b) complaining of neck pain or having had his breathing restricted
(Privileged Records). There are no visible injuries to \$87(2)(b) s neck in his arrest photograph
or the photographs he provided to the CCRB (Board Review 07).
§ 87(2)(g)
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Allegation H – Other: There is evidence suggesting that Police Officer Charles Galletta
provided a false official statement in violation of Patrol Guide Procedure 203-08, which the
CCRB referred to IAB on June 2, 2016, generating IAB Log #2016-19720.
The CCRB found evidence suggesting that PO Galletta provided a false official statemen regarding this incident. A spin-off case was referred to IAB in regards, under CCRB case number
201604721. The evidence is as follows:
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Medical records indicate that on March 1, 2015, \$87(2)(b) was diagnosed with
a broken nose and multiple abrasions to his face. With the exception of one abrasion to his

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forehead, \$87(2)(b) alleged that he sustained these injuries as a result of being punched in the

face three to four times while he was handcuffed and sitting inside of a police vehicle.

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